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Carrino et al.

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RECOMBINANT NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES

MAIL STOP: RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action mailed August 17, 2004.

The requested extension is for one (1) month, extending the period for response from November 17, 2004 to December 17, 2004.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on this date, December 16, 2004, in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP: RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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Enclosed is Check No. 571344 in the total amount of \$515.00 which includes a Request for Continued Examination filing fee of \$395.00 and a one-month extension of time fee of \$120.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 07-1896. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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